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SUBJECT: PRESS CALL FOR MUNICIPAL RESIGNATIONS

1. IN FRONT PAGE BOX EDITORIAL, "MAKEDONIA" AUGUST 29 SAYS IT WOULD BE "NATIONAL INSULT FOR THESSALONIKI" IF MAYOR AND MUNICIPAL COUNCIL APPOINTED BY JUNTA WERE TO GREET KARAMANLIS UPON HIS ARRIVAL HERE AUGUST 31 TO INAUGURATE INTERNATIONAL FAIR. GOG HAS NOT HAD TIME TO FIRE THEM, EDITORIAL STATES, AND THEY SHOULD EITHER RESIGN OR BE EXPELLED PROMPTLY SO THAT "NATIONAL CELEBRATION WILL NOT BE BESMIRCHED".

2. COMMENT: IN FACT, PROBLEM NOT LIKELY ARISE, SINCE MAYOR CHRISTOS FLORIDES, PATTAKOS PROTEGE, TOLD US YESTERDAY HE EXPECTED OUSTER IMMINENTLY, HIS BAGS WERE PACKED, AND, IN ANY EVENT, HE GOING ON WEEK'S LEAVE. FLORIDES, DESPITE JUNTA AFFILIATION, GENERALLY CONSIDERED HARD-WORKING MAYOR WHO, WITH MUNICIPAL COUNCIL, HAS MADE MANY IMPROVEMENTS IN CITY DURING PERIOD WHEN MONEY FLOWED FREELY FOR PROJECTS IN LARGER URBAN CENTERS. MEANWHILE PRESS CONTINUES BEAT DRUMS FOR MASSIVE TURNOUT FOR KARAMANLIS, CABINET AND POSSIBLY (ONE PAPER STATES) VISITING CATCH FOREIGN MINISTER, WITH MUCH SPECULATION

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